



Everything You Wanted to Know About Federal Programs—But Were Afraid to Ask

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The NDE Federal Programs team is planning to hold a conference on Tuesday, July 29, 2014 at the Holiday Inn Conference Center in Kearney. This is the day before “Administrators’ Days.” This will be an all-day conference, although starting and ending times have not yet been determined. Registration information will be communicated at a later date. Please watch the NDE Bulletin for registration information.

We are requesting your feedback to ensure we cover topics relevant to you and your school and/or district. The program, “Everything You Wanted to Know about Federal Programs—But Were Afraid to Ask,” will provide information on the following programs:

- *Title I-A (Educationally Disadvantaged)
- *Title II-A (Teacher and Principal Training and Recruiting)
- *Title II (Limited English Proficient and Immigrant Education)
- *REAP (Rural Education Achievement Program)
- *Homeless (including McKinney-Vento Act)
- *21st Century Community Centers Program

Who should attend?

- *Building principals and/or superintendents,
- *Program Directors (Title I-A, Title II-A, Title III, 21st CCCLC)
- *Homeless liaisons
- *Bookkeepers / Business managers (those responsible for submitting reimbursement requests to NDE)
- *Others that are interested in learning more about these programs

We are asking you to complete a quick survey, which can be found at the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/WhatYouWereAfraidToAskAboutFederalPrograms>. Completing the survey will take 5-10 minutes and will be available through Friday, May 30th.



Public School District Superintendents and ESU Administrators Pay Transparency Act Collection

Contact: NDE Helpdesk (888-285-0556 or nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov)

As a result of the enactment of LB 470 by the Legislature, Neb. Rev. Stat. [Sections 79-2401 through 79-2405](#) require all Public School District Superintendents and Educational Service Unit Administrators contracts and amendments to be submitted to the Nebraska Department of Education by August 1st of each year. If approved by the District School Board or ESU amendments occur through the year, the updates are to be submitted through the system as well. NDE will publicly display all contracts for the 2014-15 school year on the Department’s website.

The contract collection site is scheduled to open in the Consolidated Data Collection (CDC) on May 21st and will be accepting contracts for the 2014-2015 School year. Supporting resources, including instructions, an online

demonstration, and links to information required by the Auditor of Public Accounts (APA) will be provided as well.

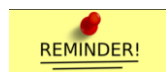


ESEA Flexibility Information

Contact: NDE Helpdesk (888-285-0556 or nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov)

At their May meeting, members of the State Board of Education discussed the requirements of a waiver from NCLB's Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) provisions being offered by the U. S. Department of Education. The document used in that discussion is available at:

<http://www.education.ne.gov/federalprograms/ESEA%20Flexibility.html>



Year-End Special Education Snapshot – Due June 16

Contact: Pam Kasl (402-471-4341 or pam.kasl@nebraska.gov)

Districts can begin entering data for the Year-end Special Education Snapshot. The snapshot is due by **June 16** and should include all students with verified disabilities on an IEP or IFSP at any time during 2013-14 with information current as of June 30. The audit window for correction of errors is June 17 – June 30. This data will be the source for the IDEA Special Education Exit Report. Records from the October SPED Snapshot do not carry over to the Year-end SPED Snapshot. The Year-end SPED Snapshot should include all students from the October SPED Snapshot as well as any students that were verified during the school year.



High Ability Learners (HAL) – verify counts by June 16

Contact: Mary Duffy (402-471-0737 or mary.duffy@nebraska.gov)

To get ready for HIGH ABILITY LEARNERS, NDE 30-007.2 form due date of September 1, 2014:

For the HAL application that is due this fall, membership counts and HAL student counts are taken directly from NSSRS. The timeframe for editing membership data as passed, and your district should have made sure this count is correct. The timeframe for editing HAL students is coming up on **June 16 with audit window through June 30**, so now is the time to make sure your HAL students are correctly identified in NSSRS. Please visit (or have the Data Steward at your district) NSSRS Validations and verify the following reports: "Verification Reports" > Student – "General and Miscellaneous" > "High Ability Learner Eligible" and "Membership and Attendance" > "Membership by Grade, Race and Gender" > by District.



SPED Discipline Information System – Due June 16

Contact: John Marcucci (402-595-1639 or john.marcucci@nebraska.gov)

Report of Children with Disabilities Unilaterally Removed to an Interim Alternative Setting, or Suspended or Expelled opened on **May 1**. The report is due **by June 16**, which is earlier than in previous years, and must be submitted by all public and state operated schools. It is collected on the NDE portal under the Data Collection tab. New directions as well as a new template for using the upload option have been posted on the site.



The following collections in the Consolidated Data Collection (CDC) – Due June 16

Contact: NDE Helpdesk (888-285-0556 or nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov)

State of the Schools Report

District Information and Improvement Goals

Graduation Requirements

School Information and Improvement Goals

Collection completed by Public - Due June 16

For more information, contact John Moon – john.moon@nebraska.gov (402) 471-1685

Substitute Teachers

For the reporting of substitute teachers.

Collection completed by Public, Nonpublic, ESU, State Operated and Interim Programs - Due June 16.

This data collection will permit you to upload/enter data regarding substitute teachers that have already been employed during the 2013-14 school year and receive feedback on any data errors or potential violations by your school if the individual does not currently hold a valid Nebraska certificate. By uploading/entering data now, your school will have sufficient time to correct any errors or potential violations to ensure that any substitute teachers hold a valid Nebraska certificate before the data collection closes.

For more information contact: NDE Helpdesk (888-285-0556 or nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov)

Report of Suspensions/Expulsions

Suspension/Expulsions (Including Firearm Expulsions).

Collection completed by Public, Nonpublic, State Operated – Due June 16.

For more information, contact Jill Aurand – jill.aurand@nebraska.gov (402) 471-3321

Days In Session/Instructional Program Hours

Days in session by grade.

Instructional program Hours –KG, Elem & Sec. Also included in this collection are Pre-K instructional hours for public district/system operated early childhood education programs by attendance site.

Collection completed by Public, Nonpublic, State Operated– Due June 16.

For more information on Days In Session, contact Bryce Wilson bryce.wilson@nebraska.gov (402) 471-4320.

For information on Pre-Kindergarten, Tammi Hicken – tammi.hicken@nebraska.gov (402) 471-3184.

For information on Instructional Program Hours, Freida Lange – freida.lange@nebraska.gov (402) 471-2444

ESU/District/System/School Information Report

Collects demographic data for ESUs, Districts, Systems and Schools for the next school year.

Collection completed by Public, Nonpublic, State Operated, ESU and Interim – Due June 16.

For more information, contact Ginny Carter – ginny.carter@nebraska.gov (402) 471-2369.

Nonpublic High School Completer Report

The Nonpublic Completer Report is for each nonpublic system that has the potential of serving students in grade 12.

Collection completed by Nonpublic– Due June 16.

For more information, contact Jill Aurand – jill.aurand@nebraska.gov (402) 471-3321

Annual Participation Report

Title I Part A School-wide Projects and/or Targeted Assistance Schools; Title I Part A Funded Staff; Neglected/Delinquent; Title I Part D, Subpart 2 (Delinquent); and Homeless – Unaccompanied.

Collection completed by Public– Due June 16.

For more information, contact Diane Stuehmer – diane.stuehmer@nebraska.gov

(402) 471-1740 or Beth Zillig – beth.zillig@nebraska.gov (402) 471-2452

Pupil Transportation Report

Transportation/Bus Information.

Collection completed by Public, Nonpublic, State Operated, ESU– Due June 16.

For more information, contact Janice Eret – Janice.eret@nebraska.gov (402) 471-2248

Postsecondary Terms

Collects postsecondary term-specific information applicable to the 2014 academic school year. This data supports the Nebraska P16 Initiative and Nebraska P-20 SLDS.

Collection completed by Postsecondary Schools– Due June 16.

For more information, contact Jill Aurand – jill.aurand@nebraska.gov (402) 471-3321



NeSA-RMS Key Dates

Contact: Valorie Foy (402-471-2495 or valorie.foy@nebraska.gov)

Key dates for NeSA-RMS are presented in the following table

Last Day for UPS to Pick Up Test Materials From Districts	May 14
NeSA WebEX on Reporting	July 14-16*
Provide District Access to NeSA RMS reports and Data File on eDirect	July 16*
Deliver printed NeSA and NeSA-AA ISRs	August 4*

***Dates in table were updated April 3, 2014**

Additional information on NeSA testing is available at the Statewide Assessment

Website: <http://www.education.ne.gov/Assessment/Index.html>

HOW TO CONTACT THE NDE HELPDESK

There are three ways to contact the NDE Helpdesk with questions.

All three ways get to the same place, so please only use one of the following options.

If you send more than one request this may delay our response as we coordinate all requests.

1. Submit a “Helpdesk Request” from your portal account. After logging into the NDE Portal, it is available in the upper right corner of the Collection Announcement page. This will be the fastest way to get your request to the NDE Helpdesk.

OR

2. Email: nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov

OR

3. Call Toll Free: 888-285-0556

Please leave your full name, organization, call back number and a brief description of your question.

ALSO: If you have contacted your area’s NDE Trainer or Program Staff person, please do not also contact the Helpdesk. Multiple contacts will delay the response.

THANK YOU!

NDE Bulletin now available in RSS Feed

Contact: NDE Helpdesk (888-285-0556 or nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov)

We have added an RSS feed that users can subscribe to. Don't forget that the current and past NDE Bulletins can always be found at <http://www.education.ne.gov/ndebulletins/index.html>. The RSS feature can be found at the above webpage in the upper right hand corner (orange icon). RSS feeds can be used with Outlook and a number of web-based feed readers. At this time we will also continue to send the bulletin out via e-mail.

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